

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 18, 2008. Claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-29 and 34 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8-12, and 14-29. The present Reply cancels claims 1-6, 8-12 and 14-29 and adds claims 42-67, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 34 and 42-67. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

I. Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-12, 14, 18-22, 24, 28 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by *Meleka et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,035,604). Applicant respectfully requests cancellation of claims 1, 3-6, 8-12, 14, 18-22, 24, 28 and 29.

II. Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 2, 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Meleka*. Applicant respectfully requests cancellation of claims 2, 26 and 27.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the indication that claim 34 is allowed.

IV. Additional Claims

Applicant submits that newly added claims 42-67 are allowable at least for the reasons provided above for the allowability of claim 34.

V. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned before an advisory action is issued in order to avoid any unnecessary filing of an appeal.

No fee is believed due with this Reply, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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